

Omega Pest Management

Recipient of the EPA Evergreen Millennium
Award for Pollution Prevention

Fact Sheet



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EPA recognizes Omega Pest Management, Bremerton, Washington, for environmental excellence and leadership in pollution prevention. Omega is a small business providing environmentally sensitive pest control services for businesses and residential properties. Omega has an outstanding commitment to safeguarding the land, water and air resources.

Pollution Prevention Success

For the last five years Omega Pest Management has incorporated Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques to reduce the overall application of toxic chemicals to the environment. IPM uses biological, mechanical and cultural pest control method, sometimes in conjunction with the least toxic chemical control method. Omega:

- Targets problem areas instead of treating entire structure to minimize pesticides in the environment.
- Uses biologically derived and poison-free products whenever possible
- Uses exclusion barriers and removal of conducive conditions near structures to reduce use of pesticides
- Holds periodic In-house training for workers about the importance and proper use of IPM
- Uses manual sprayers to apply products to control distribution and minimize spills (1-5 gallon sprayers instead of 25 gallon power sprayers)
- Insures double containment of all liquid products to prevent spills and waste
- Has strict inventory/accountability of all products to insure minimal use
- Uses re-refined motor oil in all company vehicles
- Uses commercial car wash that recycles wastewater
- Has an aggressive recycling program which resulted in the production of less than four bags of garbage last year.
- Reuses rinse water from product containers to prevent the production and need to dispose of hazardous waste

Commitment to Environmental Quality

Omega encourages and enables its employees to be environmental stewards, both on the job and at home. Omega has implemented a comprehensive recycling program that includes paper products, plastics, motor oil and more and is active in the Bremerton community and the State of Washington promoting pollution prevention to businesses.

Environmental Leadership

Omega's president, Todd Best, is the current Chair of the Washington State Pest Control Association Environmental Awareness Committee. Mr. Best was a major contributor to organizing a plastic pesticide bottle recycling program in Kitsap County, assists local business owners in establishing recycling programs and advises local business owners in achieving Envirostar and Greenworks ratings. Omega Pest Management has received the following environmental honors:

- EnviroStars – Highest five star rating for hazardous waste prevention and management
- Greenworks – Distinguished Business in the Green
- Governors Award for Outstanding Pollution Prevention - 1999
- WIN Award (from the Washington State Pest Control Association) for leadership and commitment to preventing pollution. – 1998

For more information about Omega Pest Management's environmental achievements contact Todd Best, President, at 360-373-4531.



The Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention

EPA's Evergreen Award recognizes outstanding pollution prevention efforts within all sectors of the greater Pacific Northwest business community.

For more information about EPA Region 10's
Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention contact:

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